

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows (a clean copy of the amended Abstract is provided on a separate sheet):

A sliding cover 30 includes an outside plate 70, a structural member 80 fixed to the rear face of the outside plate, a movable holding member 90 disposed ~~in a space~~ between the outside plate and the structural member, and ~~toggle~~ means ~~100~~ 100 a ~~toggle~~ disposed between the holding member and the outside plate or the structural member. The holding member includes two parallel racks 82a and 82b; and guiding portions 84 disposed at both end portions and extending in the same direction as the racks. The holding member includes a holding plate 94; an even number of pinions 92a and 92b meshed with each other and supported by the holding plate so as to be rotatable; and guiding components 93 supported by the holding plate, ~~the even number of pinions being disposed between the guiding components~~. The pinions, ~~located at both ends disposed between the guiding components~~, are meshed with the racks, and the guiding components are engaged with the guiding portions so as to be slidable. The biasing direction in which the ~~toggle~~ means toggle biases the holding member is reversed substantially at the midpoint of the movable range of the holding member.